

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 9/20/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Matthew Reinhart, Project Manager (805)781-5262	
(4) SUBJECT Request to 1) approve the project and adopt plans and specifications for the construction of the Pedestrian Bridge Construction and Channel Grading Plans for the Meadow Creek Diversion Channel; and 2) find that the project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA) near Pismo Beach. District 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION In accordance with applicable State Law, it is our recommendation that the Board, acting as the Board for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) to: 1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for the construction of the Pedestrian Bridge Construction and Channel Grading Plans for the Meadow Creek Diversion Channel (Contract No. 552R235649); and 2. Find that the project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA).			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Flood Control Zone 3 Reserves	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$30,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 2/9/16; #9	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3.			

Reference: 16SEP20-C-8

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Matthew Reinhart, Project Manager

VIA: Jeff Werst, Design Division Manager

DATE: 9/20/2016

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DISCUSSION

Background

Meadow Creek watershed begins in the northerly reaches of the five cities area before it flows parallel with State Route 1 to its terminus at the Oceano lagoon. Several decades ago, a diversion channel was constructed near the southerly property line of the Pismo Beach State Park campgrounds at the northeasterly corner of the City of Grover Beach to provide an alternative course for high flows to reach the ocean and avoid sending high flow volumes into Oceano lagoon. Currently that diversion channel is impeded by two culverts that were installed in the diversion channel to serve as a trail crossing. The culverts, and associated fill, restrict flows during higher flow events forcing higher runoff volume to Oceano Lagoon.

Funding approved by your Board on February 9, 2016 has allowed staff to pursue the design of an alternative trail and bridge to accommodate higher flows in the channel. In addition to the design, the funds have been used to secure the environmental approval and to construct the improvements using our County forces. The development of this channel will provide some relief to chronic flooding issues at the Oceano lagoon. The channel is physically located on State Parks property who have been involved in the discussions on potential improvements.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The California Coastal Commission has issued a Coastal Development Permit waiver for the project. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife have authorized the project. State Parks has been involved in the discussions concerning design, pedestrian traffic and detour, and have provided access to the site. State Parks would maintain the structure once built. The City of Pismo Beach was contacted regarding potential land use and building permits, of which none are required. The Environmental Coordinator reviewed the project and determined it is exempt from CEQA.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This project is being funded from Flood Control Zone 3 reserves. The Board action on February 19, 2016 authorized \$30,000 for the project. Currently, project costs are approximately \$13,000. The remaining budget of approximately \$17,000 will be used for materials and construction by County forces. This will be a one-time expenditure to correct an existing impediment to area drainage; no long term maintenance is expected.

RESULTS

By taking the recommended action, your Board would be approving plans that increase the flow capacity of the Meadow Creek Diversion by correcting an existing impediment to area drainage, which will enhance safety and livability of the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Plans and Specifications for the Pedestrian Bridge Construction and Channel Grading Plans for the Meadow Creek Diversion Channel, Project No. 552R235649 (6 Sheets)
3. Notice of Exemption

File: Contract No. 552R235649
Flood Control General

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